

❖B.A.R.C.'s Bark❖

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BARC's Annual Summer Picnic

The Boulder Amateur Radio Club will hold its annual summer picnic on August 19, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. All members of BARC and their families are invited. The event will be at Martin Park in the Table Mesa area in south Boulder. (Please see the map on the back of this newsletter.) BARC will have a charcoal grill ready for you to use. BARC will also provide drinks (soda pop). Please bring your own meat to grill, and a side dish to share with the rest. This is a great opportunity to get out and make that one-to-one contact. We hope to see everyone there.

BARC Meeting Notes

Board Meeting, 7/7/97

The dues structure was revisited. The board decided not to offer a senior citizen rate, and set the lifetime membership rate at ten times the dues in effect when the membership is taken out.

The State is finally offering the class we needed in order to get our raffle license. Randy/KA6FDS or Dan/NØNLS will attend the class.

General Meeting, 7/15/97

Treasurer's report: Field Day expenses were about half of what was expected. Good job Bruce/WBØMZI!

The new dues structure worked out by the Board was passed unanimously.

The annual picnic will be held August 19. In September, there will be a demonstration of satellite operations. In October, Alpha Power will give members a tour of their facility (including their new ham shack) and will then let us hold our meeting there.

The meeting concluded with a home-brew show and tell and an auction, which netted \$16.85 for the Club treasury.

Submitted by
Randy Cassingham/KA6FDS
BARC Secretary

A note from the President

It's hard to believe that it's already August!! The summer has just flown by. August means BARC's annual picnic. Come join the fun at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19th. Bring the meat you would like to cook and another dish to share. The club will have sodas for all. Please make note that we do not have a permit, so absolutely no alcohol is allowed. Bring the whole family for a great night of fun.

BARCfest is next month. September 28 is the big day. We are anticipating a great swapfest this year. We have table reservations coming in along with a large number of inquiries. I will be setting up a schedule for some of the jobs that need to be covered for the day. I would like to assign blocks of time to do things, such as taking money at both the doors. You can get your request in early to get the times that you want. If there is another job you would like to do, for example, talk-in, and the announcer's table, please let me know soon. We will also need people to help with take-down. (Set-up will be covered by BARC Jr's and BARC Jr. Elmers, many, many thanks to them for volunteering for this!!!)

I will be talking to you soon—

73,
Dan/NØNLS

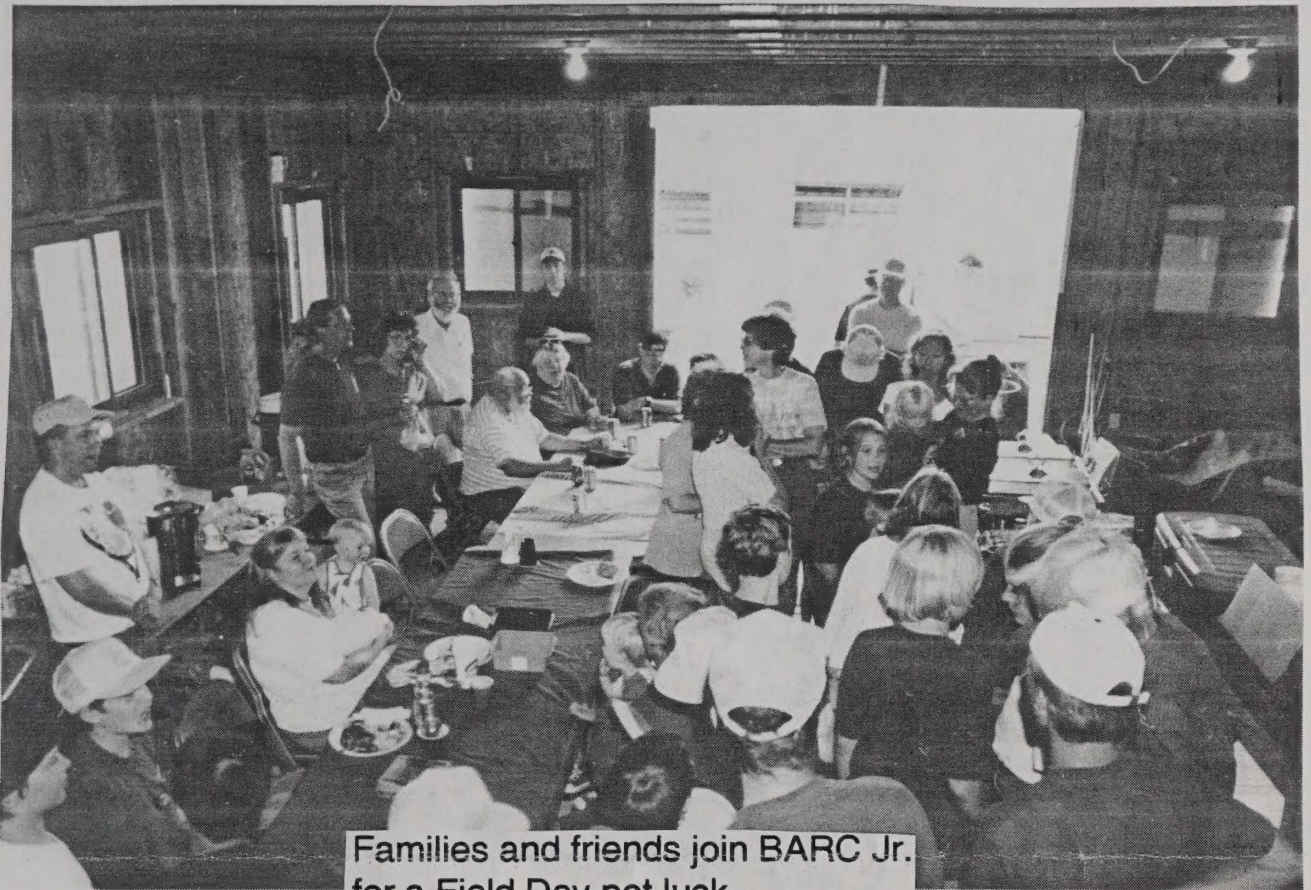




Mark, KBØTHH, works with Benjamin, KBØZMH, on how to make contacts.



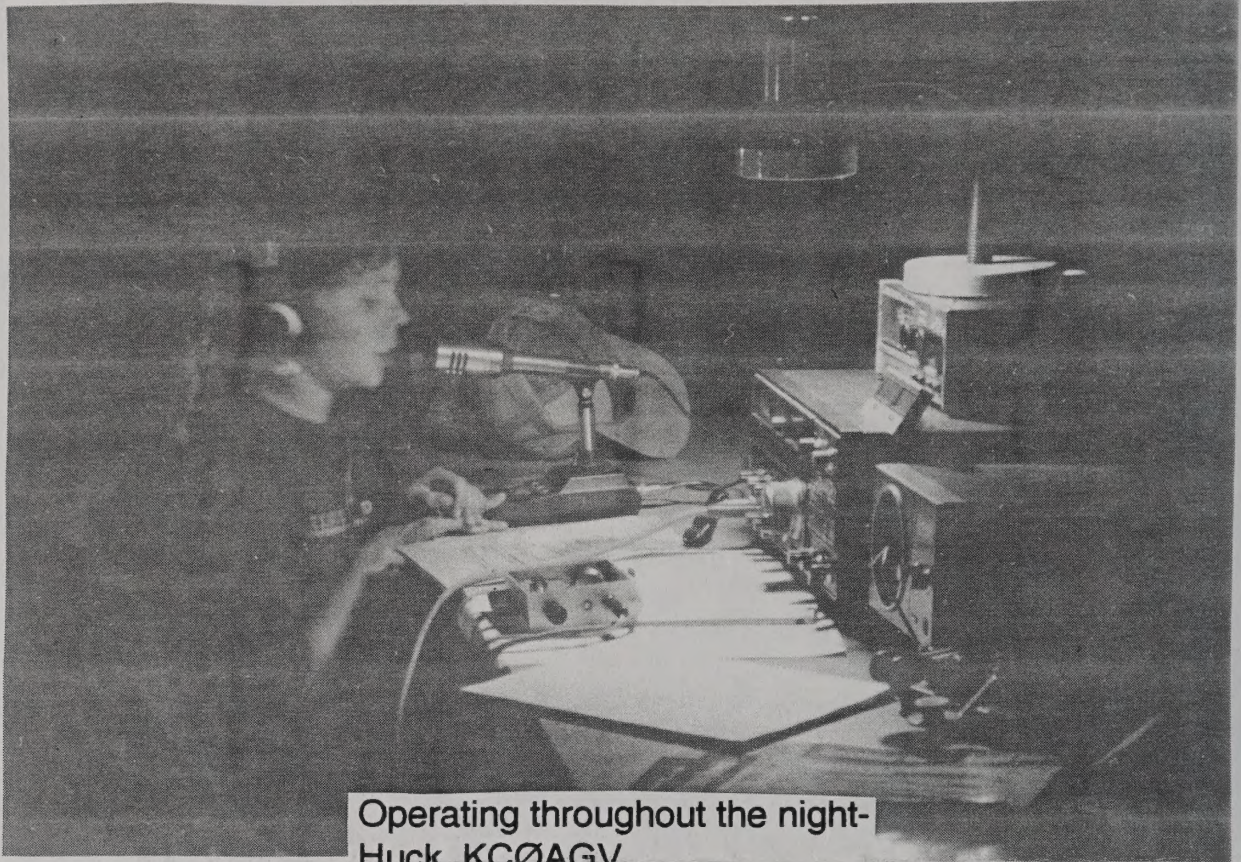
Ian calls "CQ Field Day."



Families and friends join BARC Jr. for a Field Day pot luck.



Joseph, KBØYWT, Grant, KBØZQX, and Ian being served by Chef Rich, KEØZI.



Operating throughout the night-
Huck, KCØAGV.



BARC Jr. Field Day, 1997

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My First Field Day

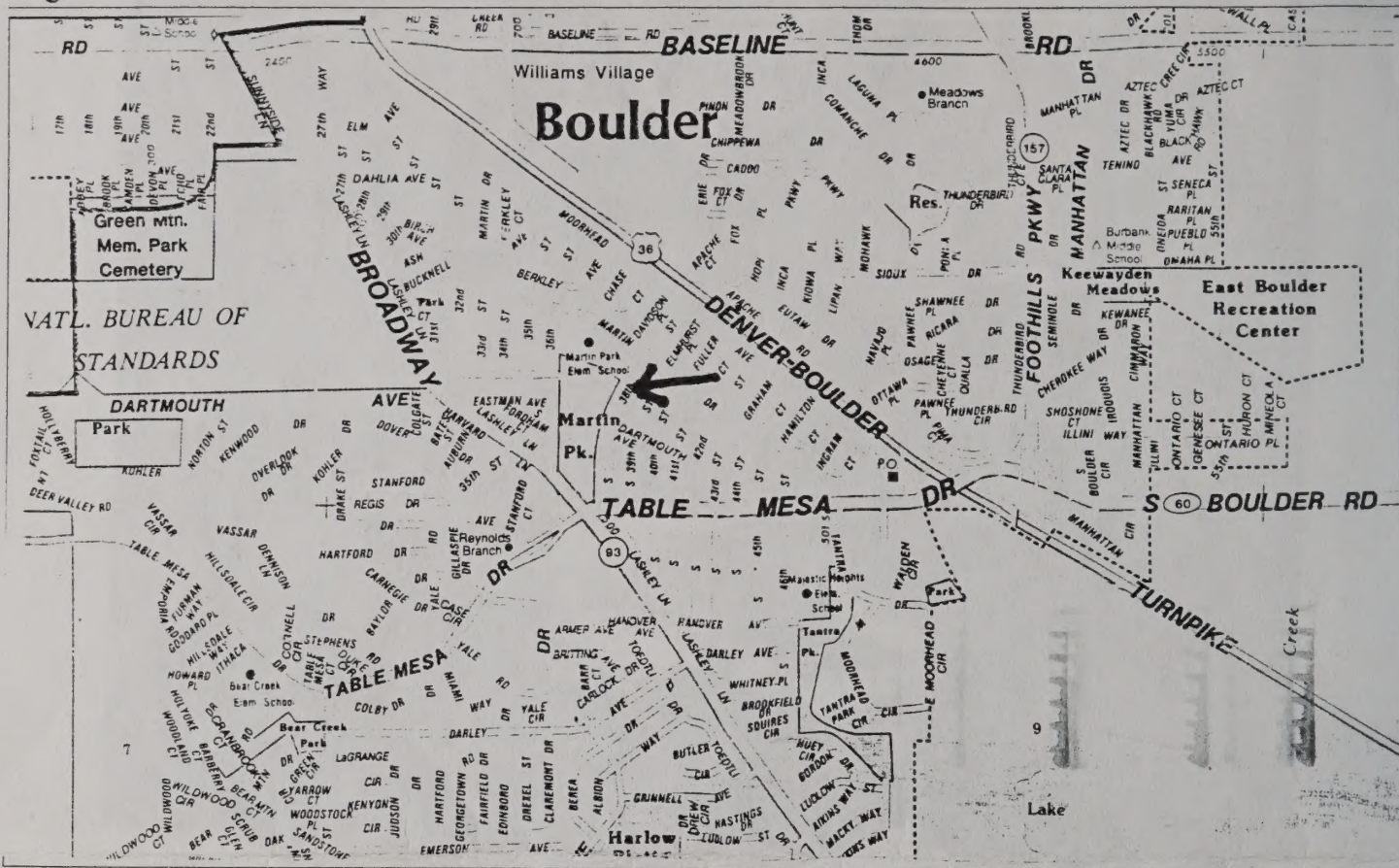
By Walt Schlender, KCØBPC

I passed my tech exam on the morning of field day. After I passed I went off to the field day area set up by Ellie and Rip so that I could operate a radio for the first time in my life. I was very nervous but I went and sat down at a radio with my dad and began listening to the jumble of noise that was pouring out of the speaker of the radio.

I listened and heard a guy calling, "CQ field day." My dad told me to jump in and so I said, "This is NVØM." My dad said quick say it in phonetics and so I said holding down the transmitter again, "November Victor Zero Mike." I let up on the transmitter button and nothing happened. The guy kept on calling CQ. My dad said, "Next time you call someone you should say the call sign of the guy you are calling so that he knows that he is being called."

I called again this time saying, "KAØBND, this is NVØM. November Victor Zero Mike." I wasn't expecting to get a response so that when it came, all I could do is stand staring at the controls. The next minute I was answering him. He told me his location and I told him our location.

Field day was the first time I ever contacted someone using amateur radio. I think that if I had to make my first contact all on my own, I would have been incredibly reluctant to even touch the transmit button. Since it was field day, I was able to transmit with help and without worry of whether I was doing something wrong. For me, field day was a wonderful way to allow myself the opportunity to use the radio for the first time.



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Next B.A.R.C. meeting:
Tuesday, August 19, 1997 at 6:00 p.m.
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